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ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY SWINSON INDUCTED INTO YWCA ACADEMY OF WOMEN

RALEIGH – Gwynn T. Swinson, secretary of the N.C. Department of Administration, will be inducted tonight into the YWCA Academy of Women for her achievements in the professions category.

Swinson, an attorney by profession, is one of 10 inductees. Ceremonies are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Crabtree Valley Marriott.

“This honor attests to the hard work and dedication Gwynn brings to her job day in and day out,” said Gov. Mike Easley, who named Swinson to head DOA in January 2001. “Gwynn is a valued member of my team and I am pleased to see her receive this recognition.”

The YWCA Academy of Women is an honorary society formed in 1983. It is comprised of women who have been formally inducted into membership through their achievements in one of 10 disciplines.

Swinson chairs the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan Board of Trustees and the Capital Management Subcommittee of the Governor’s Efficiency Commission. Previously she chaired the Governor’s Efficiency Working Group, which received the 2001 Employee Involvement Association’s Contributor of the Year Award. The working group helped to identify ways to save \$1 million in government costs. In May 2002, Swinson was selected as a Pacesetter by the Stennis Center for Public Service.

As secretary of the Department of Administration, she oversees government operations, including purchasing and contracting, energy, property, construction, motor fleet management and mail services, as well as advocacy programs that work on behalf of minorities, American Indians, children and youth, persons with disabilities, and women, especially victims of domestic violence. The department’s Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses assists minority businesses in their efforts to compete for state contracts.

Swinson, a native of Belhaven, earned a master of laws degree in 1986 from Duke University Law School. She also received a bachelor of arts degree from Antioch College in 1973 and a juris doctor degree from Antioch School of Law in 1976.

Prior to her appointment as secretary, Swinson served as special deputy attorney general for administration at the N.C. Department of Justice. Earlier, she was associate dean for admissions and student affairs at Duke Law School. Swinson also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for five years, where she was assistant branch director for the Litigation Branch of the Civil Division.

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